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Political Information: News Agency Established by Governor LO Cho-ving, Kwangtung

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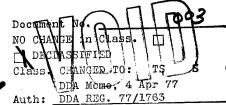
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On 20 August 1946 following news item appeared in the "Chung Shan Jih Pao": The Southeast News Agency founded by CHANG Chien-chin and Li Shang-huan has been established in Canton. The purpose of establishment is to report news and maintain liaison between overseas Chinese and the mother country."

- 2. Following is the background of the formation of the Southeast News Agency: The Kwengtung Shunte Sugar Mill under the management of YEH Kung-wu (2014) faithful Collower of Governor LO Cho-wing, and appointed makinger of the mill by LO) resumed operations about Cotober 1945. Sugar cane is bought by the will from the farmers at an authorized rate of five and one-half catties of brown sugar in exchange for one picul of sugar came. But to date, the mill has been paying only five catties of sugar per picul of came; the remaining half catty is deducted by the mill for "gifts" to high government officials. Thus the term 'kung-li-tang' (government gift sugar came into existence. Governor LO and General Chang Fa-kuei are said to have government gift sugar) received shares of this "cift".
- 3. about three months ago , the Ta Kuang Pao and soveral other Chinese newspapers in Canton began to criticize the Shunte Sugar Mill for the deduction of the *kung-li-tang . The mill and some high officials, including Governor LO, paid large sums of money to the papers in order to keep them quiet.
- 4. Governor 10, feeling that something more should be done to have the newspapers on his side, decided to form his own news agency. Governor 1.0 financed the agency with his share of the 'kung-li-tang' from the Shunte Sugar Hill. Hence about 20 August 1946 the Southeast News Agency was established and CHARC Chien-chin (54), secretary of the Shunte Sugar Hill, was appointed by Governor LO not as Mahajer of the agency.
- b. It began to furnish news items to various papers in the city in the middle of October. Since then there has been no adverse criticism of the Shunte Sugar Mill and Governor LO in the local Cunton press.



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